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22 July 1965

Honorable J. W. Fulbright
Chairman
Foreign Relations Committee
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

During the course of my appearance before your Committee on Foreign Relations on Monday, 19 July 1965, I undertook to provide your Committee certain additional information or clarification of the record. The memorandum forwarded herewith is provided for the record and covers the points involved, except for a memorandum on communist training requested by Senator Mundt which is in preparation and will be submitted separately.

The document tabled at your hearing entitled "Communism in the Dominican Republic" is a particularly interesting one and as you recall we have left a copy with your secretariat for the benefit of the members of the Committee should they care to learn more about the participation of the Communists in the recent troubles in the Dominican Republic.

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Sincerely,

/S/ W. F. Raborn
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Foreign Relations Committee
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT: Supplemental Material for the Committee
Report of the Appearance of the Director
of Central Intelligence Before the Foreign
Relations Committee, United States Senate,
19 July 1965

2. Senator Aiken was also interested in the activities of the arsenal in the Dominican Republic. The San Cristobal Arms and Ammunition Factory, which is just outside of Santo Domingo, was established by Trujillo and is presently under the control of General Imbert's government. As of February 1965 the factory was reportedly in operation and producing .38 caliber revolvers and an undetermined amount of ammunition. The rebel leaders of 15 July charged that it was being dismantled and that the three colonels in charge were selling its machinery at scandalous prices for personal gain. The broadcast said that all work at the armory had been suspended and all workers fired. At the present time the Central Intelligence Agency has no information that the above accusations are true.

3. The Director submitted, for the Committee's records, a classified document on "Communism in the Dominican Republic." In connection with this paper, it is important to note that the account of events in the section of this paper entitled "the rebellion" is a reconstruction of developments based on reports which in some cases were received some time after the fact due to delays necessitated by security of communications and the chaotic situation prevailing. (See page 411 of the transcript.)

4. Senator Mundt requested a paper on typical communist training of such communists as were identified as active on the rebel side. A paper on this subject is being prepared and will be submitted separately for the Committee's records. (See page 414 of the transcript.)

5. Senator McCarthy asked for the number of people killed in the Dominican crisis. The Director replied as to the 22 military fatalities. The actual figures of U. S. military casualties are 25 killed and 160 wounded. As to the number of Dominicans killed, the only figure that could be provided is an educated guess at best and it ranges between 1,000 and 1,300. (See page 431 of the transcript.)

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7. Senator Case made a statement indicating that the Central Intelligence Agency does not keep the Congress informed. For the record, the Agency has appeared before combined sessions of the CIA Subcommittee of Senate Armed Services and Appropriations nine times and once before Senate Armed Services and the Department of Defense Subcommittee of Senate Appropriations. Senator Saltonstall attended nine of these sessions. Further, the Agency has appeared seven times before the CIA Subcommittee of House Armed Services, once before the full House Armed Services Committee, nine times before the CIA Subcommittee of House Appropriations, and once before the Defense Subcommittee of House Appropriations. All of these appearances have been since January of this year. (See page 448 of the transcript.)

In

addition, the Central Intelligence Agency appears from time to time before a number of other committees of the Congress for briefings on special subjects of interest to those committees.

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